

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate sustained the President's Veto of S. 1287, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3201–S3273*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2493–2498. **Page S3258**

**Measures Passed:**

**Charles M. Schulz Gold Medal Award:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3642, to authorize the President to award posthumously a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Charles M. Schulz in recognition of his lasting artistic contributions to the Nation and the world, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3268–69**

Gorton (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 3109, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3268–69**

**Japanese Telecommunications:** Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 275, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding fair access to Japanese telecommunications facilities and services, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S3269**

**Release of Rabiya Kadeer:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 81, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of the People's Republic of China should immediately release Rabiya Kadeer, her secretary, and her son, and permit them to move to the United States if they so desire. **Pages S3269–70**

**American Institute in Taiwan Facilities Enhancement Act:** Senate passed H.R. 3707, to authorize funds for the construction of a facility in Taipei, Taiwan suitable for the mission of the American Institute in Taiwan, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3270**

**Southeastern Europe Peace Promotion:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 272, expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should remain actively

engaged in southeastern Europe to promote long-term peace, stability, and prosperity; continue to vigorously oppose the brutal regime of Slobodan Milosevic while supporting the efforts of the democratic opposition; and fully implement the Stability Pact. **Page S3271**

**Veto—Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act:** By 64 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 88), two-thirds of the Senators voting not having voted in the affirmative, S. 1287, to provide for the storage of spent nuclear fuel pending completion of the nuclear waste repository, upon reconsideration, was rejected, the veto of the President was sustained. **Pages S3201–30**

Subsequently, Lott motion to reconsider the vote by which S. 1287, upon reconsideration, failed of passage over veto of the President, was entered. **Page S3229**

**Elementary and Secondary Reauthorization:** Senate continued consideration of S. 2, to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. **Pages S3230–48**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for certain amendments to be proposed to the bill. **Page S3246**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Wednesday, May 3, 2000. **Page S3271**

**Appointment:**

**Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group Meeting:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h–276k, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group Meeting during the Second Session of the 106th Congress, to be held in Puebla, Mexico, May 5–7, 2000: Senators Murkowski and Sessions. **Page S3271**

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a 6-month periodic report relative to the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-102) **Pages S3255-56**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

James Edgar Baker, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law. **Page S3273**

**Messages From the President:** **Pages S3255-56**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S3256**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S3268**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—88) **Page S3229**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:33 a.m., and adjourned at 7:21 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 3, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3271.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities approved for full committee consideration those provisions, which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel approved for full committee consideration

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### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support approved for full committee consideration those provisions, which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense.

### SUCCESSFUL STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded oversight hearings on State environmental success stories and environmental protection program improvements, focusing on the EPA's relationship with States, enforcement, funding, inspections, administration, land recycling and brownfields, data management, non-point source runoff, technology, and the ECOS/EPA Regulatory Innovation Agreement, after receiving testimony from W. Michael McCabe, Acting Deputy Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Peter F. Guerrero, Director, Environmental Protection Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; R. Lewis Shaw, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Columbia, and Robert W. Varney, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Concord, both on behalf of the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS); James M. Seif, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Harrisburg; Brent C. Bradford, Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Salt Lake City; Lynn Scarlett, Reason Public Policy Institute, Los Angeles, California; and Erik D. Olson, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Jason S. Grumet, Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management, both of Washington, D.C.

### INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on Inter-American Convention Against Corruptions ("the Convention"), adopted and opened for signature at the Specialized Conference of the Organization of American States (OAS) at Caracas, Venezuela, on March 29, 1996. The Convention was signed by the United States on June 27, 1996, at the twenty-seventh regular session of the OAS General Assembly meeting in Panama City, Panama (Treaty Doc. 105-39), after receiving testimony from Alan Larson, Under Secretary of State for Economic,